

Arrival statement Berlin

I am deeply moved by the warmth of your welcome. This gallant city has become an inspiration to the entire free world.

Divided, you have never been dismayed. Threatened, you have never faltered. Challenged, you have never weakened. Today, in a new crisis, your courage brings hope to all who cherish freedom and is a massive and majestic barrier to the ambitions of tyrants.

As the personal representative of President Kennedy and the American people, I have come here to salute your courage, to honor your faith in freedom, and to assure you that your friends will never forget their obligations to you. Standing together and working together, you shall prevail. This city will continue to be the

fortress of the free because it is the home of the brave.

As one measure of our constant and continuing commitment to your freedom, President Kennedy, just before my departure from Washington, authorized an immediate increase in the American garrison here in West Berlin and at this moment these additional United States troops are on their way to join you here. I think you will also rejoice that the President has sent with me your old friend and champion, General Lucius Clay, who shared with you the dark days that once faced Berlin and the courage that broke that earlier Communist challenge.

In this threatened city we can never forget the suffering and the heroism of the people in East Berlin who have now been forced into a bondage

that mocks the essential rights of free men and women. They are the victims of tyranny but their protests have rung round the world and have shamed the cruel dictatorship before the indignant judgment of mankind. An iron curtain now divides this city but it cannot hide the misery and brutality imposed by these harsh and illegal decrees.

They have divided Berlin but they have united us even more strongly and we will be **separated** neither by Communist tricks nor Communist threats. That is the pledge I bring to you from America.

Our meeting here today is more than a greeting between devoted friends, more than a gesture of goodwill in a time of danger.

I am here in the name of the President and the American people to reassure you that we remember your ordeals, we honor your fortitude,

and we are with you in the determination to defend
your liberty and the high and holy cause of
human freedom.

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